

Summary report on the meeting of the Liaison Committee meeting on 1st June

I – Sundry information:

The Website is now working thanks to the stubborn perseverance of André Jaeglé; the Committee would like to thank him for all the work he has accomplished as well as the NGO Section for its support.

Numerous NGOs have been participating in the international meeting of experts on the Preliminary Draft Convention on Cultural Diversity and Artistic Expression and are doing good work there, prepared each day by a one-hour meeting to coordinate their speeches and those of the Liaison Committee.

Link: Remarks:

- The reports of the meetings of the JPCs and Working Groups are written for those who participate in them. Ask those who prepare them to put themselves in the place of people from outside. It is too time-consuming for the Editorial Committee to re-write them.
- ask for some lines on programmes and objectives,
- do not just give the names of the speakers but also say what they do (it must be remembered that the reports are posted on the Liaison Committee website).
- each time an acronym is used for the first time in an article, give the full name of the organisation.

II – 60th anniversary of UNESCO International Conference of NGOs

Monique Fouilhoux considers that the Executive Board document “Education for Sustainable Development: promoting values” could serve as the main theme for our work and that the 60th anniversary of UNESCO’s creation is an important event that involves our participation in the ‘UNESCO History Project’ symposium in mid-November. In spite of all that is said and written about the role of the NGOs, not one of the ten round tables makes any mention of them, or of civil society. This anniversary is a good opportunity to take stock of the cooperation of each individual NGO and of the NGO collective with UNESCO. Next year’s General Conference will be devoted to the re-launching of the sexennial report. For the Conference of NGOs, she proposes organising a workshop on the 60th anniversary, putting forward proposals taken from the November symposium, and using the Cardoso report on the International Organisation’s relations with civil society.

The Liaison Committee has mandated the President to intervene in order to obtain an eleventh round table at the symposium organised by UNESCO on 16-17-18 November on the theme “UNESCO and civil society” or to modify the title of the round table on UNESCO and the Member States by adding the NGOs.

In conclusion, the decision has been made

- to take part in the symposium organised by UNESCO in November in particular by using the report of the NGOs and the Cardoso Report.
- to prepare the sexennial report,
- to organise a round table on the 60th anniversary at the International Conference of NGOs

The provisional programme for this conference has been modified to this effect, since the President wanted the NGOs to have sufficient time for debate.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 14 December 2005

- 08h30 – 10h00: Registration
Coffee
- 10h00-11h00: Opening session: President
Representative of the Director General
- Approval of the agenda
- 11h00-13h00: Activity report by the Secretary General
Report of the Treasurer
Discussion
- 14h30-15h45: Appointment of the resolution committee
Appointment of the scrutineers
Presentation of the candidates to the LC and to the Chairperson
- 15h45-16h00: Break
- 16h00-18h00: Round table: “Education for Sustainable Development,
promoting values”

Thursday 15 December 2005

- 09h30-13h00: Elections
- 10h00-13h00: Workshops: “Education for Sustainable Development,
promoting values”
- Role of the media
 - Education in an urban environment
 - Women actors of change
- 15h00-17h15: Round table: NGOs-UNESCO, 60 years of cooperation: report and
perspectives
- 17h15-17h30: Break
- 17h30-18h00: Announcement of election results
- 18h00: Cocktails

Friday 16 December 2005

- 09h30-11h45: Report on the workshops
Discussion

11h45-12h00:	Break
12h00-13h00:	Presentation of draft resolution
14h30-16h30:	Discussion and approval of the Resolution
16h45-17h30:	Closing session

Monique Fouilhoux will be drafting a one-page presentation text that could be posted on the website in order to provide an opportunity for asking questions before the Conference, with the round tables providing questions to be posed at the workshops.

The theme of the round table on Education for sustainable development will be the leading theme of the workshops.

The next General Conference is to be held from 3 to 22 October next: call the NGOs to participate, ask for a room for the duration of the Conference, plan a meeting in the morning or during the lunch break on the first day.

III – **Communication**: Yseult Kaplan and Martine Lévy are endeavouring to improve communication with the NGOs. We must check our list of addresses, get the each NGO to give us their focal point together with an e-mail address, because we have encountered communication problems between the headquarters of certain NGOs and their UNESCO representatives.

Lastly, we must put a reminder for those NGOs that have not yet paid their dues in the next issue of Link and on our website.

IV – **Next meeting of the Liaison Committee**: 9 September at 9h30.

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